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Dear Alan:

I have noted with considerable interest your Monthly Progress Report dated 10 December 1948. It is an excellent report and serves as a reminder to me of the thoroughly efficient job you have done since assuming responsibility for your station.

Official memoranda will be forthcoming outlining my thinking here on some of your problems. [redacted] requested two additional vehicles for Cyprus transportation. We feel here, however, that one additional station wagon would meet his needs if he had some of your rather dilapidated transportation for standby vehicles. We plan, therefore, to requisition one new station wagon and transfer your two best sedans to Cyprus at some future date.

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I doubt seriously that the Cypriot authorities will give permission for your two White Russians and one Albanian to enter. I hope that something can be worked out. However, we must insure that the U. S. Government does not become responsible for these people.

It is considerable relief to me this morning to learn that you are not in the Cairo hoosegow as a result of your recent summons in connection with an indemnity claim. I dispatched you two messages on this subject immediately upon receipt of your query and a written memorandum is en route. I am sure that you have taken this into consideration, but where it is at all possible you should arrange to give sufficient notice so that this sort of thing will not happen. The agency feels that under the law there may be some payment due the individual with whom you have had this recent difficulty, and we will give your administrative request prompt consideration upon receipt here.

Please give my kindest regards to the staff and to your family.

Sincerely,

L. K. White

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